GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4376
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NEW FLIGHTS FROM KERALA
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received anyproposal from Kerala Government to start new air services connecting various destinations from Kerala in the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): Requests have been received by Indian Airlines for introduction of air services from Kerala to stations in Gulf.

(c): Indian Airlines has linked Cochin with Doha with effect from 29.10.2000 and has also provided additional capacity between Trivandrum and Male and Kerala - Gulf. It has, however, no plans to start new services to/from Kerala at present.

Air India is operating direct international flights ex-Kozhikode to Muscat, Dubai, Abu Dhabhi; ex-Thiruvanathapuram to Muscat, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait; and ex-Kochi to Muscat, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha/ Bahrain, Dammam and Kuwait.

It also proposes to operate following additional direct flights effective May 2001:-

From	To
i) Kozhikode	Jeddah, Abu Dhabi
ii) Thiruvananthapuram	Dammam
iii) Kochi	Abu Dhabi, Dammam, Bahrain/Doha